



MINUTES

PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Senate Chair
Rep. Steve Eliason, House Chair
Rep. Steve Waldrip, House Vice Chair
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Kathleen Riebe
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Ronald Winterton
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Bradley G. Last

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove

Members Absent:

Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. V. Lowry Snow

Staff Present:

Ben Leishman, Finance Manager
Emily Willis, Financial Analyst
Annette Sion, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Senate Chair Hillyard called the meeting to order at 8:03 A.M.

1 . Budget Review/Agency Response: Fine Arts Outreach/Professional

Emily Willis presented the line item budget on Fine Arts Outreach/Professional Outreach in Public Schools (POPS).

Sen. Briscoe asked for clarification. Emily Willis responded and Ben Leisman gave additional clarification.

[2a. LFA - Fine Arts Outreach Budget Review](#)

Sen. Riebe thanked the staff for their work.

Rep. Johnson was supportive of this as ongoing funding.

[2b. POPS - Legislative Presentation Feb. 2020](#)

Jessica Proctor, Director of Institutional Giving, Utah Symphony\Utah Opera, presented the Professional Outreach Programs in the Schools (POPS), assisted by Katie Lee-Koven, Executive Director, Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, Laura Allred Hurtado, Executive Director, Utah Museum of Contemporary Art, and Jerry Rapier, Director, Plan-B Theatre Company.

[Collective Impact of Pops](#)

A performance was given by Plan-B Theatre Company, Flora Meets A Bee.

Rep. Eliason spoke about a Shakespeare Festival performance he attended at a high school and gave the POPS program a commendation.

Chair Hillyard expressed the need to balance art form presentations throughout the state so that all schools have a chance to participate and balance the cost. Laura Allred Hurtado clarified and was assisted by Katie Lee-Koven.

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education (USBE) presented a funding request for POPS assisted by Kathleen Jensen, Educational Coordinator, POPS.

[2c. USBE Funding Requests - POPS](#)

Sen. Briscoe expressed appreciation and spoke of the benefits of the program.

2 . Approve Minutes - January 28, 2020 and January 30, 2020

MOTION: House Chair Eliason moved to approve the minutes from January 28, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-11

Rep. S. Eliason
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. B. Last
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. R. Spendlove

Nays-0

Absent-8

Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. V. Snow
Sen. J. Stevenson
Rep. S. Waldrip
Sen. R. Winterton

3 . Request for Appropriation:

Rep. Stephen G. Handy presented the Hope Street Fellows program, assisted by Tabitha Pacheco, Director, Utah Teacher Fellows, and Denise Williams, Teacher, Utah Teacher Fellows.

[Hope Street Teacher Fellows Network](#)

[Letter Hope Street by Caren Burns](#)

Chair Hillyard spoke about the timeline of the meeting.

4 . Budget Review/Agency Response:

[4a. MSP Budget Review](#)

Ben Leishman discussed the Minimum School Program, Enrollment Growth, WPU Value, and the Property Tax Update.

Rep. Briscoe asked for clarification regarding the WPU and timeline for adjustments. Ben Leishman clarified.

Chair Hillyard questioned the funding of only the increase in the WPU, or the growth impact on the line items. Ben Leishman responded.

Rep. Last asked for clarification on state and local funding comparison. Chair Hillyard responded and Ben Leishman gave further clarification.

Sen. Millner asked if there could be an analysis to look at having a more stabilized ratio established for funding. Ben Leishman and Chair Hillyard gave further clarification.

H.B. 205 - Students with Disabilities Amendments was presented by Rep. Marsha Judkins.

Rep. Eliason commented on the special education funding formula.

Ben Leishman clarified the prevalence limit and its application.

Rep. Waldrip commented on funding and asked about the possibility of a 2-stage funding mechanism. Rep. Judkins responded. Ben Leishman and Chair Hillyard gave further clarification on funding.

Terry Shoemaker, Executive Director, Utah School Board Association, gave clarification on special education costs and funding challenges.

Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support, USBE, gave clarification on special needs or mental health needs and increasing cap or removing cap on the prevalence limit.

House Chair Eliason assumed the chair.

Chair Eliason asked a question about lifting the cap. Leah Voorhies responded.

Rep. Johnson described a personal experience. Rep. Judkins and Chair Eliason responded.

Sen. Reibe stated that funding should meet the need and would like a cap extended for specific grades.

Royce Van Tassel, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, commented on available funds and the difficulty in getting funds to students in special education. Chair Eliason commented and Leah Voorhies gave further clarification.

Rep. Judkins said that local trust is important to consider when determining how to verify students in special education. Chair Eliason responded.

5 . Budget Review/Agency Response:

Ben Leishman presented comparisons of actual to projected enrollment growth.

Senate Chair Hillyard assumed the chair.

[6a. MSP Related to Basic School Programs](#)

Sen. Riebe asked for clarification on equalization. Ben Leishman responded and Chair Hillyard clarified.

Sen. Briscoe asked what the possible levys are that total 45. Ben Leishman clarified.

Chair Hillyard spoke about balancing the needs and dollars that can be spent.

Sen. Fillmore asked how many districts levy 45 increments. Ben Leishman responded.

Chair Hillyard commented that the committee can ask more questions, then the staff and Chair will respond in greater detail.

[6c. USBE Funding Requests - Feb. 5 2020](#)

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, USBE, presented the funding requests, assisted by Patrick Lee, School Finance Director, USBE, and Jacob Houtrouw, Minimum School Program Administrator, USBE.

Rep. Eliason assumed the chair.

Nathan Auk, Early College and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Education Specialist, USBE, spoke regarding enhancement of accelerated students, the advanced placement program, and concurrent enrollment.

[6e. USBE - Early College Information Sheet](#)

[Early College Amendments](#)

[6f. USBE - Early College Programs Presentation](#)

Sen. Briscoe asked if it could be outlined how the funding is distributed for concurrent enrollment. Nathan Auck responded.

Rep. Pulsipher asked if the funding request is going to be used to target the students who are under represented. Nathan Auck responded and Jennifer Throndsen, Director Teaching and Learning, USBE, clarified.

Sen. Karen Mayne concluded the presentation.

Chair Eliason asked if there is a calculation of what taking college credit in high school may be saving the students of the state in terms of future student loans and/or tuition. Nathan Auck responded.

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, USBE, gave an introduction for the Youth in Custody program. Dr. Jill Curry, Program Analyst, USBE, Nic Shellabarger, Youth in Care/Custody, USBE, and Steve Kaelin, Education Specialist, USBE assisted.

[6b. Youth in Custody](#)

[6d. USBE - Youth in Custody Presentation](#)

Nic Shellabarger, presented youth in care education and funding distribution and Steve Kaelin assisted.

Chair Eliason asked if the only exception would be Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind (USDB). Nic Shellabarger responded, and Steve Kaelin gave further clarification.

Nic Shellabarger and Steve Kaelin continued the presentation.

Rep. Poulson expressed appreciation for the presentation and asked how the services are being provided at the different facilities, and if they are covering secondary education. Nic Shellabarger responded.

Chair Eliason said he had toured a youth in custody facility and said the level of commitment was very impressive by the teachers.

Ben Leishman added additional clarification regarding two categories within this funding item.

Chair Eliason announced that the Beverly Taylor Sorenson request would be deferred to the next meeting on Friday.

Scott Jones, presented the University of Utah Reading Clinic and Karen Morgan assisted.

[University of Utah Reading Clinic](#)

Chair Eliason made a special announcement about a free performance by the Shakespeare Festival called Every Brilliant Thing at Corner Canyon High School, Thursday, February 6th, at 7:00 P.M.

MOTION: Rep. Spendlove moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.



Yeas-13

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Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. K. Lisonbee
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Chair Hillyard adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.